



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are the first line of defense against crime; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers throughout the state conduct themselves in a manner that supports, maintains, and defends the constitution of the state of Idaho and the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Idahoans know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of our law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement profession has become increasingly more complex, posing greater challenges, and requiring officers to serve additional hours of dangerous exposure, above and beyond their regular duties; and

WHEREAS, the protection of our citizens and the fight against crime is a twenty-four hour endeavor, exposing our law enforcement professionals to serious danger and placing their lives in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, since 1883 there have been at least sixty Idaho law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Idaho should recognize officers who demonstrate conspicuous gallantry and exceptionally meritorious conduct at the risk of life and beyond the call of duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 13th, 2005, to be

LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOGNITION DAY

in Idaho, and I call upon Idahoans to join together in honoring and showing sincere appreciation to our peace officers by deed, remark, and attitude. Further, I urge Idahoans to make every effort to express their thanks to these men and women, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, render a dedicated service to their communities. They have established an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne", is written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Isukasa", is written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKASA
SECRETARY OF STATE